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Some Famous Easter Hymns

By The Rev. Herbert Boyce Satcher

Vicar, St. Aidan's, Cheltenham

On Easter morning doubtless many choirs will move toward flower-decked chancels singing "Welcome happy morning age to age shall say," to Sir Arthur Sullivan's tune *Fortunatus.* Others will move in a like direction to the choral accompaniment of "Hail thee Festival Day blest day that art hallowed for ever," with music by Vaughan Williams. Perhaps few realize that these two Processionals are but different versions of the same Latin text, *Salve festa dies,* itself a part of a much longer poem by that colorful courtier-poet of sixth century Gaul, Venantius Fortunatus.

So universally known and so popular did this poem become in the Middle Ages that imitations of it flooded the Procession books of the Mediaeval Church, and most of the greater festivals had their *Salves,* though only the opening lines were taken from Fortunatus. Dr. John Mason Neale, who revealed to the English-speaking world so many of the treasures of Latin and Greek hymnody, made a translation of it in 1854. But it was not until John Ellerton's version, "Welcome happy morning" (a paraphrase rather than a translation), appeared in 1868, that the hymn really became acclimated to an English environment, and then only when wedded to Sullivan's tune (1872), named for the author of the hymn.

Canon Lacey of Worcester made a paraphrase of it for *The Altar Hymnal,* 1884, beginning "Hail Festal Day to endless ages known." This version, included in our Hymnal of 1916, was set to a tune by James Baden-Powell. Still another version, "Hail thee Festival Day," in the metre of the Latin original, was made by Maurice F. Bell for *The English Hymnal,* 1906. This version was revised for the first edition of *Songs of Praise,* 1925, and with some further revision, was adopted for our Hymnal of 1940, as was the vigorous tune by Vaughan Williams.

All of the versions (except the Ellerton-Sullivan) presuppose that the verses will be sung by a special group of chanters, and the refrain by the rest of the choir and the congregation. A most effective and dramatic way to accomplish this with the Vaughan Williams tune would be to have two processions, the small group of chanters going to the chancel by the shortest possible route to begin the hymn and sing the first two stanzas, the rest of the choir entering in the accustomed way, singing the refrain with the congregation after each stanza. In this way we should be following traditional precedent and at the same time give a dramatic impetus to the opening of the service and provide definite participation for everyone.

To most people Easter would hardly be Easter without the hymn, "Jesus Christ is risen today," set to the florid eighteenth century tune with which it has generally been associated. Both the hymn and the tune have a triumphant ring. They are first found in a little book entitled *Lyra Davidica,* 1708, a collection of hymns and tunes without any editor's name, but probably of Anglo-German origin, of which only one copy is known to exist. This hymn, as it appears in *Lyra Davidica,* is a translation of an anonymous Latin hymn of the fourteenth century, *Surrexit Christus hodie.* The second and third stanzas in this book are so quaint that no twentieth century congregation could sing them with a straight face. Here is the original stanza 2:

Haste ye females from your fright
Take to Galilee your flight
To his sad disciples say
Jesus Christ is risen today.

Even as far back as the middle of the eighteenth century these stanzas must have affected the risibilities of some staid congregations, for we find stanzas 2 and 3 substantially as we have them today substituted for the originals in Arnold's *Compleat Psalmodist,* 1749. The Doxology is by Charles Wesley, 1740.

Much speculation is rife concerning the tune. At one time it was attributed to Dr. John Worgan, and called by his name in some Hymnals, but he was not born until 1724. Henry Carey and the great Handel have been mentioned in connection with it, but apparently without foundation. Unless fresh evidence is turned up the composer must remain unknown.

Vying with the preceding hymn in popularity is "The strife is o'er the battle done." It is likewise a translation of a Latin original, *Finita jam sunt praelia,* which is anonymous, and has not been traced further back than a Jesuit work of the end of the seventeenth century. The translation was made by Francis Pott about 1859. It was altered for the first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern,* 1861, where it was set

to the now familiar tune called *Victory,* adapted by the Musical Editor of that book, Dr. W. H. Monk, from the Gloria to Palestrina's *Magnificat on the Third Gregorian Tone,* 1591.

One of the notable additions to the Hymnal of 1940 is the beautiful Easter Sequence, "Christians to the Paschal Victim," meant to be sung between the Epistle and Gospel at the Eucharist. Dating from about the year 1000, this Latin hymn beginning *Victimae Paschali,* has been found in one manuscript with the name of Wipo of Burgundy attached to it. Wipo was a secular priest who was chaplain to two Emperors of the Holy Roman Empire, Conrad II and Henry III, and presented each of them with collections of poems. However his authorship of this hymn is not considered definitely established. Words and melody have always gone together, the melody being an attractive one in Mode I.

Put to dramatic use in the Middle Ages in connection with the ceremonies of the Easter Sepulchre and the Mystery Plays, the hymn is still capable of being turned into a moving little drama. This can be accomplished very well by following the suggested vocal assignments in the Hymnal, except for stanzas 5, 6, and 7, which should be given to an alto solo voice. The translation in our Hymnal is taken from *The English Hymnal,* 1906, with one stanza omitted. This in turn is a recast of an anonymous translation made about 1880.

All of the hymns so far mentioned are of Latin origin. Among the best loved Easter hymns there is one from the Greek, "Come ye faithful raise the strain." It is the first of eight odes of a Canon for Low Sunday derived from the Canticles of the Greek Rite, and was written by St. John of Damascus, greatest of the poets of the Greek Church, about the year 750. This ode is based on the Song of Moses (Exodus 15) after the children of Israel had passed safely through the perils of their Red Sea crossing, their triumph being used as a sort of text for the story of Our Lord's passing through the tomb, and His conquest of death. Dr. Neale made the translation in 1859, and Sir Arthur Sullivan, in 1872, wrote the tune *St. Kevin,* with which the hymn is usually associated.

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief Through Church World Service

Peace and prosperity reign in America but overseas countless numbers of our brethren and their children fight a grim battle against cold, hunger, disease and despair. "Their" war is not over. Americans average 3300 calories per day: millions abroad eat 1200 daily or less. Shoes are $50 per pair in Europe. A bar of soap, when it can be found, costs several dollars. In many cities five people sleep under one blanket. Tubercular children are without milk. Several families huddle together in one damp cellar. On top of all the hardships resulting from razed homes, lost relatives, threadbade clothing, and lack of fuel is the constant gnawing of hunger into one's body and soul. It is hard to be hungry, but it is torture to hear your children cry when there is no bread.

What Is Church World Service?

Most European countries received assistance in 1946 from churches in America by means of the World Council of Churches; while the National Christian Council of Asia administered to the needs there. For this year and in the future CHURCH WORLD SERVICE is the overall administrative organization. The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief is our Episcopal channel for sending our supporting share of its work.

DIGGING FOR ROOTS TO EAT—AUSTRIA

General Convention voted one million dollars a year for three years for this purpose. The Diocese of Pennsylvania has accepted as its share one hundred thousand dollars and one hundred tons of "Material Aid" for the same period of time. The Church World Service budget of twelve million dollars and twenty million pounds will be raised by 19 denominations in the Federal Council of Churches in America of which we are one.

How Does Church World Service Work?

Christian ministers in Europe and Asia pool the needs of their communities and send them to Church World Service headquarters in New York. They have been appraised and approved all along the way. The requests that reach us therefore are vital. C. W. S. maintains ten relief centers (for example, ours at New Windsor, Maryland) to receive our material goods. Monies go through our national denominational funds. Both are sent directly to the area in need where the local clergy with the help of his people reverse our process of collection. There is no discrimination, either political or religious; no red tape and no graft. The plan is simplicity itself. "From Christians—Through Christians—To the Hungry and the Suffering Wherever They Are."

What Is Our Money Used For?

The money sent through our Presiding Bishop's Fund is used for FOOD. (Six and one-quarter cents provides a high calory cereal diet for three meals. One hundred sixty-five dollars sends a bred heifer to provide milk for a family for years to come.) The money outfits hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, etc., regardless of their denomination. It builds and equips temporary buildings for worship, education and recreation, which are sometimes the only heated places in the whole village. It supplements ministers' salaries so that they may be released from manual labor to minister to the people. It provides bicycles and donkeys as means for their transportation. Very little money is actually sent. Everything possible is sent in material form. It has, however, a fairly large sum allocated for help to Displaced Persons, a job that we as Christians must surely do.

How Is the Diocese Set Up?

A Diocesan Committee, with the Reverend J. Gillespie Armstrong, Chairman, and Mrs. George T. Trowbridge, Vice-Chairman, have set up an office in the Church House. All

telephone calls are being received there by Miss Sappington and all orders for literature, projectors, films, speakers should be placed with her. She will have all the answers. A visit to the office will be a helpful guide to the promotion of each parish program and an up-to-the-minute record of each parish's standing, both in pounds and dollars. The visit is very desirable also for anyone working on a parish committee. All monies should be collected in the parishes and forwarded through the year to the Church House made out to the Diocese of Pennsylvania, earmarked "Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief."

Hitlerism has left the legacy it promised of destruction, plague, famine, rats, etc. We are not only expressing our Christian love for our fellow man, not only doing the least required of us, but we are trying to make it possible for a decent and Christian civilization to rise from the rubble of war.

BISHOP SHERRILL TO BROADCAST

The whole Church will have the opportunity of hearing the new Presiding Bishop on Sunday, April 13th. Bishop Henry K. Sherrill will be the speaker on the Episcopal Church of the Air, Sunday, April 13th, 10:00 to 10:30 EST, the program originating at Station WEEI, Boston, and being carried by an extensive Columbia Broadcasting System network.

SOCIAL RELATIONS SURVEY

The joint committee to survey institutions and social relations in the Diocese consists of the following persons: Chairman, The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Rev. Arthur Murray, Rev. E. Felix Kloman, Rev. Wm. D. Turner, Rev. Leonard B. Rasmusson, Dr. J. Harold Austin, Mrs. Jasper Nicolls, Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Miss Margaret C. Maule, Mr. Frederico Mauch, Mrs. J. Harold Austin, Mr. James G. Fleming.

The committee has invited the following qualified persons to serve as special consultants: Miss Ella Harris, Mr. Shippen Lewis, Robert Dechert, Esq., Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, Mrs. Francis R. Packard, Mr. Kenneth C. M. Pray.

Dr. Almon R. Pepper and the Rev. Arnold Purdie, of the National Council, have been working on this survey of the Diocese for about a month. It is anticipated that the report of the survey will be circulated among the clerical and lay deputies to the Diocesan Convention several weeks before Convention meets.

DIVINITY SCHOOL

The Divinity School will be host to the new Episcopal Inter-Seminary Conference on the week-end of the 11th of April. It is expected that approximately one hundred students from the Seminaries of the Episcopal Church will attend. The purpose of this Conference will be to consider the phases of the Church's witness, the problems and opportunities, in Industrial and Rural Work. Experts in these fields are being chosen, both clergy and laymen.

Miss Maude Cutler, who has served with distinction as Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Southern Virginia, has just accepted the call to become Director of the Department of Women at the Divinity School and Warden of St. Mary's House. Applications for next fall are now being received from women who want to prepare themselves for service in the Church. Miss Cutler is highly recommended as one of the best teachers in the field of religious education.

The Rev. Nelson W. Rightmyer, rector of St. Peter's Church, Lewes, Del., will become a full-time professor at the Philadelphia Divinity School on October 1st. He has been teaching liturgics at the school for several years, in addition to his parish work.

Bishop Hart's Message

In the face of a growing fatalism, the tendency will be to interpret the Easter message as meaning that, although there is little chance for this world, life hereafter will be a happier one. We all can remember hearing it said on Easter, "The disciples were a defeated group on Good Friday and a victorious group on Easter." At best, such a message is conventional and superficial. It tends to gloss over the *way* of Our Lord's victory. It tends to make people think that they can escape from the grim realities of our day.

But Easter is not escapism. It does not try to fool us into thinking that the days ahead will be easy ones. They will be very difficult ones. They will try men's souls as by fire. But Easter does give us the faith with which to meet the coming days as children of the living God. Easter says to statesmen, business men, economists, engineers—to all people, "Who is going to control you—Jesus Christ or the spirit of this world? In what direction are you going to move—towards heaven or hell? For what purpose are you going to use God's gifts—to build a Community of Nations or to prepare for greater and more ghastly world wars?"

God's will is for the cooperation of all his children in a widening fellowship of ever richer personalities. Man finds his true purpose in seeking and serving the Will of God and this means literally the slaying of our own wills. If we insist on pursuing our selfish and partial ends, we can expect only disaster. If we will pray and work for a peace which is the fruit of justice, all the great forces of modern civilization can be used to bless, instead of curse mankind.

Easter sends us forth, not with any superficial good feeling, but with an abounding zeal to spend our lives to bring in a better world in the companionship of the Risen Christ. In our own strength we shall fail. By the grace of God we can succeed. May this be ever so much more than a conventional Easter for you all.

Oliver J. Hart

FUNCTION OF CONVOCATIONS EXAMINED

It has been evident for some time that the convocations of the Diocese should be realigned, and committees are now working on this problem. Before the final decision is made, the purpose of the convocations should be reconsidered.

They were originally organized to care for the missions within their areas. Meetings were taken up with rather boring reports of the missionaries, and with minor details of business. The duties of the Deans were not defined beyond their presiding at convocation meetings. Gradually more and more duties devolved upon the deans, until recently it has become difficult to get the right men to accept the position. A thorough reconsideration of the subject is desirable.

Convocations are now doing much more than care for their local missions. Each convocation should cover an area in which the Church faces the same general problems. In such a case, the convocation would then deal with these problems which would be much wider and more serious than the support of local missions. How much can be accomplished is illustrated by the Convocation of Chester.

Some years ago, the Convocation of North Philadelphia adopted the plan of making the meetings educational and inspirational by having a general theme for each meeting and by referring as much of the routine business as possible to the Executive Committee. Among the themes which have been considered have been, "The Negro Problem in North Philadelphia," "Social Service," "Worship," and for the coming meeting on May 13th, 1947, "Evangelism in the Central City Area." Not only have the meetings been successful, but there has been a constant increase in the number attending. One meeting was held in the Episcopal Hospital with excellent results. While this plan departs somewhat from the original function of the convocation, it has proved interesting and valuable, and if the convocations were rearranged so that they had more unity in the problems they face, still more could be accomplished. Each convocation should have a definite program and policy covering its area.

THE REV. JOHN K. SHRYOCK,
Dean, Convocation
of North Philadelphia.

MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED

The Rev. William L. and Mrs. Zaidie have been commissioned as the first missionaries ever to be assigned for work in Costa Rica by the Episcopal Church. Mr. Zaidie has been a Diocesan Missionary in charge of St. Titus and St. Cyprian's Missions in Elmwood. They were commissioned to their new work along with other missionaries for various fields by the Presiding Bishop at the Church Missions House, New York, on February 6th. He held his last services in this Diocese on February 23rd.

The Order of Sir Galahad Described by Local Director

The Rev. F. M. Wetherill, associate rector of St. Simeon's Church, has recently returned from the National Board Meeting of the Order of Sir Galahad for boys, of which he is the regional director for this area. At various times there have been between fifteen and twenty chapters of this order in various parishes in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Dr. Wetherill, who would be glad to supply further information and assist the clergy in introducing this work in parishes, has supplied the following description of its working:

Founded just fifty years ago this Order for boys offers a diversified and lasting program. It is church-centered. It operates solely within the Episcopal Church nationally and in the mission field in the Philippines, Liberia, China and Alaska.

Five natural age groups (Degrees) form a long ranged attraction through boys' growing interests. All that is connected with scouting may be included. It definitely ties the boys up to the church and holds them into manhood.

Galahad does make a boy's religion real in terms of everyday living. This club uses the mystical and romantic legend of the Holy Grail. Its ceremonial activities prepare a boy for the finest and the best in his church's ritual. All this leads up to the Service of the Holy Communion.

Small parishes or large ones such as Bishop Hart's former parish in Boston accommodate the Galahad. Indeed it is often found better even in a larger parish to start in a small way. The Church does make its impress upon members of a Court by their zest for achievement. Come once, they attend regularly.

No organization is stronger than the quality of its leadership will permit. Therefore a Director of consecrated Christian character, with resourcefulness and initiative, a genuine interest in boys, and ability to inspire others is essential. Preparation for leadership begins in the first initiation. Thus a Rector gradually finds a group of laity coming along upon whom he can depend for the larger work of the parish.

Sir Galahad lays emphasis upon recreation, worship, conduct training, service to the home, church and school, craftsmanship and as much or little ceremonial as is desired. Badges, regalia, banners and Galahad publications may be had according to the means or backing of the group. Any sensible Director will go slow in making such purchases for very little is necessary outside a limited number of Handbooks. These are comparatively inexpensive at 50¢ each when one considers the lore and limitless programs and things to do they contain, explain, and make attractive.

Order of Sir Galahad, Inc., is located in the headquarters of Archdeacon A. O. Phinney, National Director, 26 Temple Place, Boston 11, Mass.

The first thing to do is to be sure you have selected the right man for the parish Director. Give him a loyal and alert assistant director if possible. Then have them send to the above headquarters for literature. Do nothing then until you have consulted the Rector or Vicar of the parish. After he has had plenty of time to study the literature proceed only with his wholehearted approval, but never until that is given. A Court should have a definite room and time assigned and no changes made without the Rector's consent in advance. Meetings on Saturday mornings, or from 6:30 to 8:30 P. M. seem to work out the best.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

President's Message

As we near the end of the winter's work, let us look forward to our responsibility for carrying on during the summer when we do not have our regular parish and diocesan meetings. Everyone needs a period of change and refreshment, but we do not need four months' holiday from service to our Church in the different fields. Unless we plan now, we will probably not accomplish anything concrete. May I suggest the following for your consideration:

1. Continue to work for Material Aid both by sending clothes and by spending less on ourselves and making our gifts of money larger.

2. Courses of study and reading individually or in groups wherever you may be.

3. Arrange to use the films "Seeds of Destiny" and "Not By Bread Alone" to show to those who would not know about this.

4. Attend Summer Conferences.

5. Volunteer for service at Valley Forge Hospital and other institutions.

6. Continue to sew and knit.

Notice of the Annual Meeting is given below. Owing to the increasing number of Evening Branches, the Committee has decided to have the Meeting this year at a time when all can participate. Owing to prices, it is still impossible to have the meal at a hotel or club as in the past.

United Thank Offering

The "blue box," recognized by Churchwomen, is the United Thank Offering box through which the women of the Church express their gratitude for a thousand and one things. Often it is something as simple as having run into an old friend that prompts a woman to express her thankfulness—its possibilities are limitless. So "blue box" contents can be used as Building Stones for the City that hath stood too long a dream.

The Diocesan Spring Presentation will be held on Thursday, May 1st, at 11 A. M. at St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine Streets. Bishop Hart will celebrate and the Rt. Rev. Noble C. Powell of Maryland will be our preacher.

St. Peter's well known boys' choir, under the leadership of Mr. Harold Gilbert, will sing. Let us fill the church.

Triennial Literature

A question often asked: "How is it possible for every woman of the Church to feel the inspiration of the Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary." One excellent way is to read the material relating to the theme, now available in the office.

1st. "The Triennial of 1946 to the Women of the Church"—The Message. Free.

2nd. "The Strength to Build"—The report of the Triennial. 10¢.

3rd. "Behold the City of God"—Meditations on the theme by Angus Dun. 10¢.

4th. "Three Crucial Years"—Report of the Triennium, 1943-1946. 10¢.

ANNUAL MEETING

Day and Evening Branches
Monday, May 26th
Old Christ Church
5 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.
Dinner, 6 P. M. Reservations

Committee on Negro Work

The Committee on Negro Work endeavors to create, in this Diocese, a widespread interest, cooperation and support in the work of our National Church in fulfilling her obligations to our brethren of the Negro race.

We are purposed to give God our thanksgiving that we are brethren, to rejoice in the achievements of Negroes, and in their contributions to the life of the Church; anticipating eagerly the sharing with them in the opportunities for serving God that lie before us all.

This Committee gives financial support to the Negro Work in the National Council schedule, which includes aid to eight Dioceses in the South needing assistance for maintenance, but primarily to the support of the work of the great organization known as The American Church Institute for Negroes.

Outside of the Church, we hear it said that the schools and colleges and other institutions of The American Church Institute for Negroes have been the most effective agencies in the United States for the development of sound race relations.

"Information Please" and "Quiz" programs are being arranged for the benefit of the Officers and Delegates of this Committee, to help us keep our parishes, and the Diocese in general, aware of what is being done, and needs to be done; aware of the opportunities, greater than ever before in this particular field. We humbly acknowledge that education is not an end in itself, but a means "to know Christ and to make Him known"—the end for which we exist.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS

Domestic Committee

In this Diocese the Domestic Committee has a somewhat unusual position. It is concerned solely with the Missions, hospitals and schools of white people in continental United States, while the work among Indians and Negroes is taken care of by two other committees. In most Dioceses, the Department of Missions consists of only two committees, the Overseas and Domestic.

The Church is doing splendid work as far as funds allow, but reports from all areas tell how great are the needs for more men and equipment to carry on and to advance. In Wyoming, Bishop Ziegler writes me that he has one priest who has seven Missions in which he holds services each week. Recent speakers have convinced us of the necessity of expanding our program for rural work, not only in the West and South, but in Pennsylvania. Think what our Church might be doing in this time when one reads of so much crime among young people! Let us redouble our efforts and resolve to give our Domestic Committee earnest support.

During the six years in which I have had the privilege of leading this Committee, the delegates have been faithful in their attendance and have increased in numbers and in the contributions from their parishes, showing that they have an appreciation of the great task that is ahead. It has been a real joy to have had this opportunity for leadership, and I am grateful for the enthusiastic support that I have received.

Department of Christian Education

ALL YOUTH DIOCESAN SUMMER CONFERENCE

The Summer Conference will be held again this year at Beaver College, Jenkintown, June 28th to July 3rd. For several years the suggestion that this conference should be limited to the young people of the diocese has been seriously considered by the committee, and after much thought they have decided that this should now be the policy. Throughout the diocese, from young people themselves and their rectors, have come requests that facilities for better development and training in leadership of the youth in the Church be made available. The Summer Conference is the best opportunity we have for this training, so the committee, with the approval of the Department of Christian Education, voted to plan the conference this year for those between 15 and 25 years of age.

We shall miss our friends who have attended the conference for so many years and have contributed so much to its success, but we know that they too will wish us God Speed in this new venture in a field of Christian education which is so vital today. We do hope that all those who would have attended our Conference this year will seriously consider attending the Provincial Conference at Sweet Briar, Virginia.

At this time we cannot give you much information concerning the program, but we are happy to announce that we will have three Bishops with us—our own Bishop Hart and Bishop Remington and Bishop Keh Tsung Mao, the new Assistant Bishop of Shanghai.

Plan now to have your parish well represented at this conference.

CLERGY CONFERENCE

The Spring Conference for the Clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be conducted by Bishop Hart on Tuesday, June 17th, 1947, at All Saints' Episcopal School, Pen Ryn, Andalusia. The main theme of the conference will be CHRISTIAN Education.

PRESENTATION SERVICE
on the grounds of
THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

Sunday, May 18th—4:00 P. M. Bishop Hart and Bishop Remington will receive offerings of Church Schools of the Diocese. The Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, D.D., will speak to the children.

Be Present You Are Expected

VACATION PLANS

When evaluating the parish educational program this spring, the Vacation Church School Committee hopes that all rectors and parish leaders will seriously consider the great opportunities for Christian teaching which the Vacation Church School affords. It is not too early to start planning now as leadership must be found and trained, curriculum planned and supplies secured. An Institute for the training of leaders, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Council of Churches will be held six Saturday mornings, May 3rd through June 14th, excluding Saturday, May 31st, at the Y. M. C. A., 1421 Arch Street.

The diocesan committee is also ready to help and advise those who have the task of planning for or teaching in a Vacation Church School. Some financial aid is also available to those schools which need it.

Advanced Conference of the Province of Washington, June 16th-27th, at Sweet Briar College, Virginia.

Theme: Christian Foundations.

Leaders: The Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, D.D., Bishop of Washington; The Very Rev. Theodore O. Wedel, Ph.D., Warden of the College of Preachers; and others:

Men's Group: The Rt. Rev. Henry Disbrow Phillips, D.D., Bishop of Southwestern Virginia.

Youth Work: Mrs. Helen Hogue, Nat. Exec. Sec. of the G. F. S.

Woman's Auxiliary: Mrs. Henry McP. Pinner, Provincial President, Woman's Auxiliary; Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel, Mrs. Charles H. Raynor and others.

The Seminar method has been modified this year to provide a larger number of "content" courses.

SECTIONAL INSTITUTES

In answer to an oft-expressed need, the Church School Committee is planning to conduct Institutes for Church School teachers in the outlying sections of the diocese this spring. The Main Line and Southwest Teachers Associations of the

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS ON PARADE

Diocesan Youth Convention—June 7th, 1947 at The Episcopal Academy

Chester Convocation are sponsoring the Institutes in that Convocation, and Dean Niblo and Dean Caley are forming committees to sponsor the Institutes in the Norristown and Germantown Convocations.

A "Team" of about eight persons will present the program which will run from 4:00 P. M. to 9:30 P. M. and will include a panel discussion on Church School problems; departmental group meetings; personal counselling on curriculum, etc. The "Team" will bring with them an exhibit of curriculum material and teaching aids.

Schedule

Sunday, April 27th—Trinity Church, Collingdale
Sunday, May 4th—Incarnation, Morrisville
Sunday, May 11th—Holy Trinity, West Chester
Sunday, May 25th—St. John's, Norristown

HELEN WASHBURN MEMORIAL

Friends of Helen Washburn in Christ Church, Philadelphia, in the Department of Christian Education of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and in the Advanced Conference of the Province of Washington, have strongly desired to create a memorial to her.

To this end, it has seemed appropriate to endow one or more scholarships to the Advanced Conference of the Province of Washington, which was one of her major interests in the field of Christian Education.

Anyone desiring to have a share in this memorial may send checks, made out to Frederick B. Stimson, 334 Fairhill Road, Wynnewood, Pa., marked for: Helen C. Washburn Memorial Fund, Department of Christian Education; to Christ Church, Helen Washburn Memorial Committee, 20 North American Street, Philadelphia 6, Pa.; or to The Advanced Conference of the Province of Washington, The Rev. Richard H. Baker, Church of the Redeemer, Charles Street and Melrose Avenue, Baltimore 10, Md.

EDUCATION FOR BLIND

For over twenty years Educational Week for the Blind has been observed by the religious groups and social agencies of Philadelphia. Monday, February 24th, this year's activities were started on what was known as "Episcopal Day." The luncheon in the Gimbel Store was prepared and served and very largely consumed by people from many of our parishes and missions. Donations were received, and the Rev. James M. Collins, Superintendent of the City Mission, welcomed visitors to the exhibition of products of the skill of blind people. Proceeds are divided among agencies working with the blind.

HOSPITAL MAY FETE

The Episcopal Hospital grounds will again be the setting of the May Fete on Wednesday, May the 28th, from 11 A. M. until 9 P. M. We are hoping for the cooperation of each member of the Diocese with the May Fete Committee, for truly in unity there is accomplishment. Under the capable guidance of Mrs. Robert Toland and Mrs. Lewis R. Dick, last year's Fete (the first held in five years as war made transportation too difficult) we raised $3,274.77, which sum was used to purchase steel bedside equipment for the care of patients. Donations for the different booths will be greatly appreciated. Let us make it a great reunion for one and all. A postcard asking for information will be gladly answered by yours gratefully, Mrs. J. Hector McNeal, 805 Real Estate Trust Bldg., Philadelphia 7, Pa., Publicity Chairman.

Girls' Friendly Society Activities

The G. F. S. event for April will be the Annual Diocesan Service to be held on Thursday evening, April 17th, at 8 o'clock, in St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut. Bishop Remington will preach the sermon, and the offering will be for the National Mission Object, which for this year, is the continued support of the G. F. S. Trailer. This mission on wheels, carrying church services, recreation, and educational programs to lonely places, is now working in and around Pikesville, Ky.

The Annual Service for Juniors will take place at St. Luke's, Germantown, Saturday afternoon, May 3rd, at half past two. St. Luke's, set in the midst of its green lawns is an especially fitting place for this service. On a bright spring day, the procession of several hundred children with banners flying, is a lovely sight. A departure from the usual order of the event is planned this year. The service in the Church will be brief and without a sermon; returning to the parish house, the youngsters will learn something of international friendship when Mrs. Reba Miller speaks to them on "Togetherness of Living" and illustrates her talk with a huge collection of foreign dolls! Following this delightful hour the Senior Members' Club will distribute their prizes as usual for the best work by Juniors in Poster making, Handcraft, Needlework, Composition and Music. Miss Ada A. Bauer of St. Peter's Branch and the Senior Members' Club, is chairman for the Contest in which 34 Junior Groups (6 to 13 years of age) will participate.

St. Timothy's Roxboro Branch recently held a Mother and Daughter Dinner, with 80 persons present. An Admission Service followed in the Church when 17 Junior Members and Associates were admitted to the Branch by the Rector, the Rev. Edmund Wood; later, in the Parish House, the Juniors entertained the grown-ups with a play and music.

St. Simon's enterprising group comes forward with a real achievement. There is no Library for children anywhere near the Church's neighborhood, so the 25 to 30 Juniors decided to organize their own. This project kept them busy for many Saturdays. The children collected the books and donated their own; the tiniest tots erased pencil marks or soil from the pages, the older children prepared library cards and attached envelopes to hold them, cleaned the covers and rebound books in heavy paper, etc., and now there is a library for children at St. Simon's. More suitable books are needed, of course. Will you send one or two to the parish house at 22nd and Reed Streets, addressed to the Branch Advisor, Mrs. Junius Simmons, or to the Junior leader, Miss Theodosia Ruffner? The children will be truly grateful.

A Conference for the G. F. S. in Province III will bring many visitors to the Holiday House, Cape May, N. J., June 21st to 23rd next. Mrs. John L. Carroll of Holy Apostles and Mediator is Conference Chairman; Mrs. Edmund B. Wood, Diocesan President and Vice President for Province III, will be official hostess and will preside.

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

The Rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, in connection with the ninth anniversary of his rectorship, asked his people for a gift. Cards were sent out listing between 15 and 20 specific jobs in the parish for men, women, boys and girls. Each person was asked to volunteer for some particular task.

On the First Sunday in Lent, despite the heavy snow storm, 100 people gathered in the afternoon for a special service for the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to 12 candidates at St. Philip's in the Field, Oreland.

In a "clearance sale" at the end of the winter season, the Rector of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, learned that eighty dollars' worth of good new sweaters could be purchased for twenty dollars. He made the purchase and shipped the goods to New Windsor, Md., for "Material Aid."

Bishop Hart will officiate at All Saints' Church, Crescentville, at 10:45 A. M. on Easter Day. Bishop Remington will take over the service at the Church of the Redeemer, Springfield. Both of these parishes are temporarily without rectors.

The Church School News, of St. Simeon's Church has a good staff of reporters who gather lots of news and present it in a mimeographed paper of three or four pages each week. It is always filled with many items of interest, not only to the Church School; but to the whole parish.

Some people lift their hats as they pass churches. We might all say a prayer as we approach any church: "Bless, O Lord, this Church, its minister and its people; that through them Thy Name may be glorified and Thy Holy Church extended."

Mr. W. R. McKean, Jr., has joined the teaching staff of St. Matthew's Church School, 18th and Girard Avenue.

The Women's Club of Emmanuel Church, Quakertown, has just completed its first and very successful year, rendering a real service to the Church.

On March 8th, Bishop Hart conducted a quiet afternoon and evening for clergymen and vestrymen of the Convocation of Norristown, at St. John's Church, Norristown.

An Eastertide Quiet Day at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, on Wednesday, April 30th, conducted by the Rev. Philip Fifer. Holy Eucharist at 8:30. Meditations at 10:15 A. M., 12:00 noon and 2:00 P. M. Closing at 3:15 P. M. Please mention if overnight accommodation is desired. Write or telephone VIctor 4-4612.

Mrs. Pemberton Ginter has presented one of the pictures painted by her to the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Buckingham. It is rented by the month, going from home to home. Miss Anna King has presented to this parish a red stole and hymn books and chat books for the choir.

The 163rd Diocesan Convention will open in the Church of the Holy Trinity on the evening of May 5th. At 8 P. M. Bishop Hart will deliver his annual message to the Convention at a mass meeting to which the general public is cordially invited.

The Rector of St. James Church, Prospect Park, is hoping that some reader of THE CHURCH NEWS will be able to tell him where he can locate a piano, which is very much needed in his work. Telephone Ridley Park 1539.

Mr. Thomas Hadfield has undertaken the task of cleaning, polishing, plating and lacquering the alms basins, two chalices, processional cross, and lectern for St. Luke's Church, Kensington.

During the winter the chapel was used instead of the Church at the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets. Beginning with Palm Sunday, services will be restored in the Church building. On May 25th, memorial services will be held in the Church, with American Legion and Sacred Heart organizations in attendance. Television engineers have been making a survey of the Church of the Advocate, considering the possibility of using this church for the first televised church service in Philadelphia.

Recent speakers and topics at the Clerical Brotherhood meetings in the Church House on Monday mornings have included: Rev. Charles E. Tuke, "Recent Trends in Religious Education"; Rev. George Boswell, book review, "Peace of Mind"; Rev. Henry S. Paynter, "Use of Printer's Ink"; Rev. Daniel A. Poling, "Our Church and This Day"; Rev. Arthur H. Laedlein, "How to Teach with Motion Pictures"; Rev. Frank Bonynge, book review, "Preface to Religion."

"Lent: A Special Opportunity," is the title of an article written by Bishop Hart in a recent issue of *The Episcopal Church Times.*

The Society of St. Stephen for Deaconesses held its annual meeting at St. Margaret's House. The society was founded forty years ago by Deaconess Lyon, with the Rev. Francis Mayo as director. Deaconess Mary Johnson has been secretary and treasurer for many years; but has now been succeeded by Deaconess Dieterle.

On the evening of Lincoln's Birthday an "open house" was held for the men of St. Mark's Church. Mr. Spencer Irwin was the principal speaker. Count Adam de Trawpe gave an illustrated lecture on Sweden.

Under auspices of the Girls' Friendly Society, Mrs. Reba Miller gave a talk on the life of the Virgin Mary in the Parish House of Trinity Church, Oxford.

A complete set of white altar furnishings, together with altar linens, were made and presented to Trinity Church, Buckingham, by Mrs. Wheeler Scudder.

A gold-plated base for the altar cross has been presented to St. Philip's Church, New Hope, by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starr in memory of their son, who was killed in the war.

The Rev. Wallace M. Pennypacker, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Hohokus, N. J., conducted a parochial mission during Passion Week at the Church of the Messiah, Roosevelt Boulevard and Large Street.

On Wednesday nights in Lent a series of book reviews were given by the clergy of St. John's Church, Lansdowne. Titles included were: "Christian Perfection," "Varieties of

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CHURCHES HAVE BARNACLES

Barry, the barnacle, certainly had no claim to beauty. But then, he had no need for anything so juvenile. He had mastered the art of gaining a fine living with a minimum of danger or effort in a world brutally hostile. He traveled the wide world round with no cost in money or effort. For his food he had no need to do anything but reach out and take it. He was prosperous and contented with his lot. Who wouldn't be?

But it hadn't always been so. In his early days he had struggled to get about and hunt for his livelihood. Often he was ill at ease and didn't know even the rudiments of the confidence and security that later he took for granted. Life was filled with dangers and difficulties beyond the grasp of his little brain. But some kind fate helped him to "grow up" and find the key to ease and success beyond his wildest dreaming.

Rescue from Oblivion

One wonderful day when a deep inner sluggishness seemed to make the slightest effort to move an insupportable burden, a great black object came surging past in the water where Barry lived. It came so close that he was able to reach out and attach himself to it. What wonderful luck, it was the hull of a great ocean-going steamer. And there was Barry attached to it for life with hundreds of thousands of miles of food-bearing water destined to sweep by him and let him just reach out and take his choice of tasty morsels as they went by.

If one were to pity Barry for his lack of legs, or fins, or other means of getting about in the world, how he would laugh! Did he not travel easier and farther than all the rest of the sea-people? What need had he for all the trappings of locomotion? Leave that for those less astute or able to provide for their needs.

So it is that every ship that plies the deep waters of the ocean has its unseen freight of Barry and his relatives who glory in their freedom from the unnecessary adjuncts of living. "Let them who need them have them, but for my part, I do quite well as I am." And he will thank you to disturb him no more about it.

Nor is the great Ship of Salvation that men call the Church without its lush growth of spiritual barnacles. The great difference is that the ships of the sea periodically put into dry-dock and have the hangers-on scraped off. The Ship of Salvation remains ever afloat on the sea of life and the spiritual barnacles need pay no fare nor fear dispatch till life itself is done.

Abundant Self-confidence

They have no need for all the mechanics of sacraments, doctrines, sermons, prayers, money-raising, assessments, congregational bickerings, and individual hypocrisies. They are beyond all that; they wish no one any ill; they live a better life than some of those that make much of being Church members; and they "feel all right" toward whatever God there may be. So their way of life can't be far amiss. The world calls them "secularists." We call them a species of spiritual barnacle.

The very atmosphere that makes their life possible is only produced by the powerful drive and teaching of organized Christianity. One of its foundation stones is respect for the individual no matter how much you disagree with his views or hate his sins. Seldom is the ideal attained where each man respects the other's rights fully, but never is it even approached apart from Christ's teaching and help to inaugurate and sustain it. As the barnacle receives an unending stream of fresh food-bearing water because of the drive of the ship's engines, so the secularist enjoys a morally upright and democratically secure community free from persecutions and most temptations because of the spiritual drive of Christ and His Church. Take them away for very long and all the former assumptions collapse under the drag of man's innate evil.

"Social decency" is certainly a bulwark against the community's going far astray we are told. But social decency, unsupported by religious belief and moral sanction, has a way of evaporating into thin air almost overnight. Was not Germany, with its long centuries of culture and social decency, quickly converted to State sponsored harlotry when Christianity was officially thrown out the window? Was that not merely a repetition of what had already taken place in Russia some two decades earlier? Who then is so strong that he can secure himself against the beating waves of evil solely by his own isolated will to do so? As helpless is he as the barnacle of the sea when the ship's engines die and the great hull is rent by storms and sinks. Pride then is seen for the tawdry thing it is. And the wonderful, easy adjustment to the world and its difficulties stands out in all its futility.

But no matter how true all this may be, there is as much chance of "spiritual barnacles" reading it and doing something about it as there is that those of the sea will do so. Why then should it be given valuable space on the printed page? Because there is within even the best among us a bit of the barnacle's temperament always ready and waiting to take over if we relax. The very essence of being a barnacle is a disposition to hang on and wait. So does the tendency to feel that activity is something one outgrows, that one "serves his time" in doing Church work and worship and can then safely relax and let life and the world go by.

Not Becoming Involved

Or again, it expresses itself in the attitude that anything savoring of personal involvement in the affairs of a parish is to be avoided; that it is someone else's concern and if it is not handled in a way that is thoroughly agreeable, dropping out completely is quite in order.

The spiritual barnacles impede the progress of the Ship of Salvation just as really as do those of nature impede the ships of the sea. Did Christ mean anything less than that when He said, "He that gathereth not with me scattereth"? There is no such thing as being neutral. The very state of *being* makes this impossible. If the barnacle *is*, it impedes. So do those who avail themselves of all the benefits and atmosphere of a Christian community but maintain that they owe no effort to preserve or extend the Christianity which made possible the kind of life they value.

A. O. J.

From Pennsylvania to Palestine

By The Rev. Walter C. Klein

American Chaplain, St. George's Collegiate Church, Jerusalem

[*Ed. Note—Dr. Klein is a Priest of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, having served as a lecturer at the Philadelphia Divinity School, sometime Rector of St. Barnabas Church, 64th Street and Haverford Avenue, commissioned as Chaplain in the U. S. Navy during the war.*]

Before I left the Diocese of Pennsylvania in August, 1946, I undertook to write an article about Palestine for THE CHURCH NEWS. After many months of frustration, I am at last in a position to discharge this obligation. May I describe our journey concisely? We embarked at New York late in August and had a very smooth passage to England.

In normal times a person journeying from England to Palestine can book passage from an English port to Haifa or some other seaport in this portion of the world. At present many travelers have to cross France and embark at Marseilles. We were offered passage on a Greek ship plying between Marseilles and Beirut. We accepted eagerly. Our ship, which had served as a submarine tender during the war, was the only survivor of the company's fleet. The Greeks are impoverished and disheartened; they cannot equip their vessels with all the devices that take the sting out of a long, slow voyage. An adequate ventilating system and a larger staff of stewards would have increased our pleasure in the trip. Nevertheless, we should not be justified in complaining. The galley was by far the best part of the ship. Breakfast and tea were stereotyped, but at luncheon and dinner the chef fortified us with exotic creations that fascinated both the eye and the palate. The ship was filled with Britons of the empire-builder type, all substantial human beings who knew precisely what to do in any emergency. When my wife was ill and my young son blossomed forth into an unmistakable case of the measles, we welcomed the assistance of these generous people. We had to have a week's rest in Beirut before motoring to Jerusalem. We reached our destination on December 30th.

Since a moment-by-moment account of the strange and striking things that have occurred would consume far too much time, I shall

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have to confine myself, in the remaining paragraphs of this article, to my most important experiences. The first obstacle one has to surmount is the patois of Palestine. Viewed solely as a medium of communication, it is lucid, pungent, and quaint. If it restricted itself to dropping a few of the vocalic terminations of the classical Arabic, the school-bred Arabist would not be impelled to consign it to perdition. The perplexed linguist is exasperated to discover that it resists his rational efforts. The problem, of course, is not insoluble; eventually, when reason fails, intuition, the fruit of dogged application, discloses the meaning of the torrent of sound that gushes from the mouth of the irate owner of a donkey as he urges his property to action in terms that even a donkey must often resent.

Still unschooled in the *mores* of the land, one has to meet the onslaughts of the grocer, the butcher, and the milkman. These indispensable citizens avidly embrace every opportunity to discuss trifling matters of business at interminable length, all in terms of strange weights, measures, and coins. Then the maid, fascinated by the tales she has heard of the wealth bestowed on the Americans by the inscrutable Lord of the Worlds, resolves to try her hand at getting her cut. People waiting before a teller's window or a shopkeeper's counter do not form a queue; they find it less fatiguing to stick an elbow into the weakling's most vulnerable part, neatly eliminating him from the contest. The traffic policeman ties the traffic into knots, ponders the situation with vacant eye, and in the end permits the motorists to honk one another out of the pandemonium, while he salves his conscience by executing all the signals in the code in breathless succession. All these things are impediments to a life of contemplation.

That, I must in all candor confess, is not the whole truth. If the peasant of the Holy Land seems crafty in matters touching the purse, he is no match for an astute Pennsylvania Dutchman. Circumlocution is not unknown in some of our own branches of administration. If one would like to accelerate the temporizing official, may not the temporizing official be capable of defending himself in the light of his origins and fundamental motives? Remove the husk, and you find the kernel of essential human traits. There is no more malice here than elsewhere.

Upon the truth just stated the friends of Palestine base their hope of ultimate peace. The soil, save for a fertile fringe, repays the husbandman grudgingly. Industry has taken only the first timorous steps towards the economic independence that would prick inflation and force price into conformity with value. The country has no margin of abundance to squander on conflict. While blood is being shed and lives are being lost in the pursuit of chimerical aims, the groundwork of society is being allowed to crumble. Most political objectives are, at least in part, illusory. The common citizen, inflammable and easily influenced, is prevailed upon to make the most crushing sacrifices in order that his people or country may reach some goal of this sort. He usually discovers that the triumph has not enriched the lot of the private individual. Certain things are necessary for the sustenance of human life and the development of human potentialities. So long as men have these things they are under no temptation to seek a change, especially if the social or political order can be altered only by violence. Surely the time will come when the people of Palestine will measure their re-

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EPISCOPAL ACADEMY NOTES

The Episcopal Academy Trustees, Faculty and parents gathered together February 17th to discuss mutual problems of administration, finances and education. Mr. Supplee, the President of the Board, presided. Bishop Hart gave the invocation. The meeting was a great success and the five hundred people present were enthusiastic in their praise for the Academy and its efforts to train educated Christian citizens.

Nearly a thousand people thronged the Gymnasium to hear the Academy Glee Club and Middle School Chorus give its annual Concert February 28th. Highlight of the evening was the Octet which sang several Negro spirituals. Mr. Walter Johnson deserves great credit in training a Glee Club and Octet acclaimed as the best schoolboy organization in this area.

The Episcopal Academy Campaign for books to be sent to schools abroad yielded over fifteen hundred volumes. These books were collected during the Academy Book Week.

During Lent the Academy is participating in the World Relief Fund. Every member contributes as a token, for each meal he enjoys, money that will buy food for the starving in Europe and the Orient. This is in addition to the Red Cross Campaign now under way. The Academy boys have already sent abroad ten cartons of clothing, and there are articles still coming in. All of this is a tangible way in which the boys may share the responsibility of helping to feed, clothe, and educate needy boys and girls of the world.

The Chapel speakers have been the Rev. Raymond S. Hall, Director of the Seamen's Church Institute, Boston; the Rev. Charles W. Sheerin, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. W. H. Aulenbach, Rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, and the Rev. Hoyt Palmer, Executive Secretary of the National Preparatory School Committee.

The editors of the Academy *Scholium*, the school paper, are members of a group planning to publish a student paper in the interest of all schools in the Middle Atlantic States. It will be recalled that the Academy, a year ago, founded the Inter-Academic Student Council numbering the schools who are members of the Inter-Academic Sports League also founded by the Episcopal Academy over sixty years ago.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Annual Washington's Birthday Corporate Communion for men and young men of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, was held at historic Christ Church, Philadelphia, where Washington worshipped, on February 22nd at 8:30 A. M.

The Rev. E. Felix Kloman, Rector of Christ Church, was the Celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Peter Sturtevant, Assistant Rector of Christ Church; Rev. W. Ralson McKean, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, and Rev. Robert Frazier, Rector of St. Giles Church.

A delicious breakfast (and delicious really means delicious as everyone present can testify) was served by the parochial organizations of Christ Church. Mr. Percival H. Granger, substituting for Mr. George Wharton Pepper who was snowbound on the Main Line, spoke on "George Washington." Two hundred and ten were present including Bishop William P. Remington, Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania. This was the largest attendance at this service to date. Forty-six parishes were represented. The Arrangements Committee is extremely sorry that a few men had to be turned away from the breakfast due to lack of seating capacity in the dining hall. It is the present plan next year to have the breakfast in a midtown hotel. Make your reservations early in 1948.

SONS OF ST. GEORGE HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service in honor of the founders of the Society of the Sons of St. George will be held in Christ Church, Second Street above Market on April 20th at 4 P. M. The Rev. John C. Knewstub, Rector of St. David's, Radnor, will preach. Preceding the service, Arthur P. Bretherick, President of the Society, will place a wreath on the grave of the Rt. Rev. William White, D.D., first Bishop of Pennsylvania, a founder of the Society and active in its affairs for 64 years.

The Society is celebrating its 175th anniversary. On April 23rd, a dinner will be given at which Sir Frederick Puckle, K.C.I.E., a member of the British Embassy at Washington, will be the principal guest speaker. Sir Frederick, who is a Knight Commander of the Indian Empire, was formerly Secretary, Indian Government, and is now special adviser to the British Ambassador in Washington.

The services and the dinner will be attended by members of various British organizations. Church people who are interested are invited to attend the services and the dinner. Information can be obtained by writing to the Rev. Frank W. Bonynge, Chaplain, The Society of the Sons of St. George, 1901 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia 30, Pa.

BELLS FROM ENEMY ARMS

The Neighborhood Business Men's Association, an organization composed of men of all faiths, will present to Christ Church two additional bells as a memorial to those of the business neighborhood who gave their lives during the recent war, and to honor those from the surrounding business houses who served. They will be cast from metal reclaimed from enemy armament, supplied by the ordnance department of the U. S. Army. The bells will be added to eight others which are in the tower of the church, which have been rung there since 1754.

CHURCH CONGRESS

The Church Congress over the years has stood for unity in the Church – now, more than ever, it seems to offer the welcome chance to find the answers to our questions. In Toledo, Ohio, April 22nd-24th, the first post-war National Meeting of the Church Congress will be held. The topic is exactly what we all are so much concerned with, "Authority and Freedom in Doctrine, Discipline and Worship." You do not need to be a member of the Congress to attend—you do not need anything except a concern for the unity and vigor of our Church's life and witness. You will welcome this chance to meet with fellow-Churchmen, under the leadership of such men as Bishops Conkling, De Wolfe, Kinsolving, Pardue and Dr. Miller of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and Dr. Charles W. Lowry, President Chalmers of Kenyon College, and the Rev. Theodore P. Ferris.

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NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

This year it is May 4th to 11th, and it will be observed throughout the nation by people of all faiths. Resources available from National Council's Division of Christian Education are the Christian Family, a free picture leaflet; a list of books for family reading, and a brief selection of Bible verses on the family. The International Council of Religious Education, 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Ill., has a series of meditations called *Christian Living Begins at Home* (10 cents), a *Radio Resource Manual* for National Family Week (50 cents), and a free flier, *Family Week, May 4th-11th, 1947.*

REMEMBER MILITARY PERSONNEL

The Rev. Percy G. Hall, Executive Secretary of the Army and Navy Division of the National Council, sends this message:

In an address delivered just recently in Washington, D. C., Mr. Robert P. Patterson, Secretary of War, said: "The canteens are closed. The recreation centers are dark. The civic groups and churches turn to other activities. The flow of letters overseas dwindles. The American people are not callous or indifferent. I am certain that if the proper impetus is supplied there will be a re-awakened personalized interest in our soldiers at home and abroad."

The Church has its responsibility for its youth who are still in the armed forces. We are our brother's keeper and we can keep alive the principles and ideals of the Church, by showing that we do care. First, by furnishing your rector with the correct address of those of your family who are in the service of our country. Secondly, by welcoming the men and women in uniform to your homes. Thirdly, by writing to them to let them know that you really care about their welfare and, lastly, by letting them know that they are not strangers but Christian friends when they are visitors at the Church services.

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Religious Experience," "The Meaning of Right and Wrong," "Preaching in a Revolutionary Age," "On Being a Real Person," "The Story of the Faith."

The clergy are urged to send Bishop Hart the names and addresses of all persons from missions and parishes who are enlisted in the armed forces.

St. Paul's Church, Chester, has established bus service to transport Sunday School pupils from outlying areas of the city.

St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, has set itself the goal of $3,000 as its share of the Presiding Bishop's fund for World Relief. This parish is not only generous with its money. There were 41 candidates in the last

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Confirmation class. The G. F. S. of the parish tendered a birthday party to the Rector, Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, on January 19th.

Deaconess Newbold, who was on the staff of the Cathedral for six years, retired on October 1st, and is now living with her sister, who is the head of St. Mary's School, Burlington, N. J.

The kitchen in the Rectory of St. Barnabas' Church, 64th and Haverford Avenue, has been renovated by the Woman's Auxiliary of the parish. An amplifying system for record playing has been installed in the parish house.

Mr. Herbsleb has secured 36 subscriptions from the people of St. George's Church, Richmond, for THE CHURCH NEWS. It can be done in any parish, if someone will make the effort.

Forty cottage prayer meetings in 40 homes in the parish of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, on the 40 evenings of Lent, was part of the active Lenten program of that parish.

A Quiet Evening for Men was conducted by the Rev. John Ahern Schultz at St. Clement's Church on Saturday evening, March 8th.

The building at 206 S. 19th Street, adjoining the Church House, has been occupied as the Greek Consulate for Philadelphia.

Holy Trinity Parish House, 217 S. 20th Street, has been sold to the Lincoln College Preparatory School. The Rectory, 1904 Walnut Street, will be remodeled for use as a Parish House.

The Rev. Albert M. Holloway, formerly rector of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Pa., will begin his duties as rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, on the First Sunday after Easter. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School, was sometime assistant at St. Mark's Church, Frankford, and for three and one half years was chaplain in the U. S. Army. He succeeds the Rev. Waldemar Jansen, who served as rector of Trinity more than 31 years.

Father Joseph, Superior of the Order of Saint Francis, conducted a Quiet Evening for the men of the Diocese at St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, on March 25th, under the auspices of the Retreat Association.

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For as much as it hath pleased Almighty God in His wise providence to take out of this world on July 29, 1946, the soul of our deceased member, Edward I. Bacon, Rector's Warden of the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, and long-time Vestryman;

Be it resolved, That the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of this Parish do hereby express to the family their most heartfelt sympathy and condolences;

Be it further resolved, That the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen do hereby record upon the minutes of this meeting their deep appreciation of the work done by him for many years in the extension of the Kingdom of God, particularly in this Parish, and they further express their sense of personal loss of his family.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family and that a further copy be published in THE CHURCH NEWS of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

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During Brotherhood Week special speakers at the Church of the Messiah included the Rev. John R. Logan, Jr., one of our colored clergy; Miss Myo Shitamal, a Japanese student nurse at the Episcopal Hospital; and Rabbi Kliers, in charge of a neighboring Synagogue, who addressed a meeting of Boy Scouts in the Parish House.

The Men's Club of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, recently held a meeting consisting of an open forum on the United Nations. Consuls were present representing Argentina, Czecho-Slovakia, Denmark, France, Latvia, Netherlands, Panama, and Paraguay.

Bishop Hart read the Gospel at the service for the consecration of Norman Burdett Nash as Bishop of Massachusetts in Trinity Church, Boston. Bishop Hart was Rector of this parish before he was chosen as our Bishop.

Mr. Henry C. Beck, of Swarthmore, President of the Philadelphia Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, has been elected secretary of the National Council of that organization.

Mrs. Lily Pace left legacies of $300 to the Church of the Holy Apostles and $200 to the Church Farm School.

Mr. Henry C. Lawser, Accounting Warden of St. Simeon's Church, died on February 19th. His wife, Lillian Taylor Lawser, died on February 23rd. She had been ill for several weeks, and was not informed of the death of her husband. Mrs. Lawser was active in the work of the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown.

PENNSYLVANIA TO PALESTINE

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sources and the possibilities of the use of their resources by the sane standard of universal human requirements and desires. They have but to ask themselves honestly what they are gaining by repeatedly giving a new lease of life to passions that in the ordinary course of events would have expired long ago. They have but to ask that question, and the difficulties that have tormented them for twenty-five years will melt away.

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certain lines may be curtailed under the pressure of emergency duties, I have in no wise abandoned my fundamental purposes. The day after the proposed evacuation became a matter of common knowledge I sketched for the Armenian Patriarch the instruction I purpose to give his seminarists. I have met my pupils several times and have taught them some of the rudiments of Moral Theology, Apologetics, and Greek. They have shown uncommon aptitude for all three subjects, particularly Greek. In three one-hour periods they have learned to read Greek aloud smoothly and with a fair imitation of the standard pronunciation. When I had written the letters for them half a dozen times they could reproduce the alphabet from start to finish with all the ease of seasoned Grecians. The most consecrated labor is not beyond the deserts of young men who respond so gratifyingly to a stranger's teaching.

My British colleagues will say farewell to their families before the middle of this week, and as I sit here thoughts of what I ought to be doing to assist them course through my mind. Every duty has its proper season, and this is not the season for chatty letters. On the eve of the departure of many missionaries who have contributed decades of self-denying toil to the advancement of the work of the Jerusalem Bishopric, I think I may fittingly reaffirm the truths that are guiding us in this sombre hour as they have guided us through the shadows of the past. God has placed us here. He has entrusted to us a share in the guardianship of the soil that nourished His Incarnate Son. He has commissioned us to minister to all those who look to Him for succor in a land now menaced with the miseries of civil conflict. There has been thus far no diminution of our usefulness, and so long as we have the support of the Church at home and the assurance that the prosecution of our labors is the fulfillment of God's will, the Christians who are sustaining us with their prayers and alms may rely on us to do what can be done under the disabilities that seem inseparable from the grave unrest of the moment. The Christian religion has mitigated the wretchedness of the past. Surely, with all the resources of Almighty God at its command, it will play a splendid role in the future.

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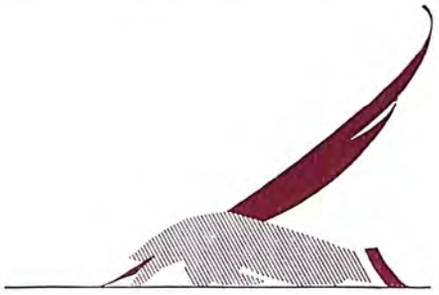

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